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271. Births and deaths recorded during the year were 1,809 and 567 respectively. The death rate was 10·1 per thousand against 9·73 per 1,000 in the previous year.

General.

272. The Municipal Council sanctioned an extent of 585′×600′ for the construction of a Stadium free of cost beside the colleges. An extent of 6 acres of land was granted free of cost to the College of Engineering for constructing its hostel.

273. As the Korachars were dwelling in most congested and insanitary huts with a view to effect slum clearance an extent of nearly two acres of land was provided on Jagalur Road for erection of their colony. Roads and drains were formed in various slum areas.

(xvii) Administration of District Boards.

274. *Constitution.*—In December 1953 the Government constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Sri D. H. Chandrasekharaiya to report on the question whether District Boards as envisaged in the Village Panchayets and District Boards Act of 1952 may be continued or Taluk Boards may be constituted in their place. Pending the receipt of the report of this Committee the elections which were due to be held were not held. The Boards which were constituted in 1947 were continued till 1st March 1954 when under the powers vested by the Mysore Village Panchayets and District Boards (Amendment) Act No. I of 1954 the term of the Boards was ordered to expire and the Boards were placed in charge of the Deputy Commissioners of Districts who were appointed as Special Officers.

275. There were 258 members of the District Boards and there were 12 vacancies during the year in the membership of the Boards.

276. *Meetings.*—The total number of meetings held by the District Boards were 51 (54) during the year of which 41 ordinary and 10 special meetings.

277. *Income and Expenditure.*—The total income and expenditure of the District Boards during the year were Rs. 61,67,612 (Rs. 69,26,653) and Rs. 50,20,325

(Rs. 67,25,899), respectively, as per details furnished below :—

Income (Revenue).

	Rs.
(*a*) Cesses and Land Revenue assignment ...	35,10,025
(*b*) Tolls and Ferries	1,29,962
(*c*) Fees, Fines and Miscellaneous ...	9,17,902
(*d*) Contributions and Grants-in-aid ...	6,66,606
(*e*) Railway Cess of previous years ...	3,84,911
(*f*) Public Debt	5,58,207
Total ...	61,67,612

Expenditure.

	Rs.
(*a*) Public Works executed by the Public Works Agency.	1,44,189
(*b*) Public Works executed by the District Board agency	21,51,944
(*c*) Administration and collection ...	3,84,257
(*d*) Public Health, safety and convenience ...	12,39,877
(*e*) Miscellaneous contributions ...	5,05,110
(*f*) Public debts	5,94,948
Total ...	50,20,325

278. The District Boards of Tumkur and Mysore continued to maintain their own Engineering establishments.

279. *Roads.*—The roads in the State were divided into two categories—State Fund Roads and District Board Roads—against four classes into which they were formerly divided, as per Government Order No. P.W. 3648-3768—R. & B. 8-53-2 dated 8th August 1953. It was made the responsibility of the District Boards concerned to form and maintain all new roads in the rural areas and maintain the roads formed under the I.V.C. schemes. The District Boards maintained a total length of 4,893 miles 2¼ furlongs (4,374 miles and 7 furlongs) during the year.

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280. *Public Works.*—The Boards executed public works of the value of Rs. 21,51, 944 (Rs. 20,88,439) during the year through their own agency and works to the extent of Rs. 1,44,189 (Rs. 4,25,810) through the Government agency.

281. The District Boards of Mysore, Tumkur, Mandya and Shimoga, took up and completed 100 miles 4 furlongs of new roads. The other public works undertaken by the Boards were in respect of dispensary buildings (General and Veterinary), bridge works, construction of High, Middle and Primary School buildings, etc.

282. *Local Development Works.*—In order to evoke wide public interest in the Five Year Plan and to canalise public enthusiasm and execution of small works of local utility, the Planning Department of the Government of India sponsored a scheme of Local Development Works of which they bore a half share of the cost. One hundred and twenty-six works (construction of roads, bridges, causeways, culverts, school and dispensary buildings, etc.) were sanctioned for execution by District Boards at a cost of Rs. 3,99,576 during the year. Of these, 85 works were undertaken at a cost of Rs. 95,641. Eight were completed.

283. There were 266 *Local Fund Dispensaries* under the control of the District Boards of which 6 were newly opened. The Boards contributed a total sum of Rs. 5,55,999 (Rs. 5,30,661) towards their expenditure and 40,77,469 (35,39,550) patients were treated during the year. Besides these, 232 Ayurvedic and Unani Vaidyasalas were maintained by the Boards at a total cost of Rs. 2,59,481 (Rs. 2,75,785).

284. There were 213 *veterinary dispensaries* and hospitals during the year and the District Boards contributed a sum of Rs. 23,339 (Rs. 10,337) for their maintenance.

285. Twenty-six *jatras and cattle fairs* were conducted by the Boards. There were 110 ferries under the control of the District Boards and an income of Rs. 54,510 was realised during the year.

286. There were 55 *District Board High Schools* maintained during the year, of which 7 were newly opened. The Boards contributed a sum of Rs. 3,79,674 (Rs. 3,08,047) for the running of these schools.

287. *Chief Executive Officers.*—Chief Executive Officers were appointed for all the Boards at the commencement of the year. They functioned under the provisions of the Act and the Rules made in regard to their powers, etc.

288. *District Board of Bellary.*—With the merging of the seven taluks of Bellary into the State, Bellary District Board came under the administrative control of the Mysore Government with effect from 1st October 1953. The strength of the Board was 9 members. Two meetings were held. The term of the Board expired on 30th June 1953 when it was placed incharge of a Special Officer. The receipts and expenditure of the Board were Rs. 15,20,815 and Rs. 18,50,359 respectively. It has its own Engineering establishment. The Board maintained a total length of 337 miles and 5 furlongs at a cost of Rs. 55,046.

289. It has 283 Elementary Schools and 6 High Schools, 26 Regulated institutions and subsidised dispensaries of modern and Indian medicine.

(xviii) Municipal Administration.

290. There were 105 Town Municipalities in the State at the end of the year as in the previous years. All these Municipalities were reconstituted from 1st April 1952. The total number of meetings held by all the Municipal Councils during the year was 2,176 (2,453).

291. The Municipal Councils were requested to frame the bye-laws and rules on the basis of the model bye-laws and rules issued by Government and many of the bye-laws nd rules sanctioned by Government are being adopted in the several Municipalities. Bye-laws and Rules.

292. There was fresh imposition of taxes in the Municipalities of the Bangalore District and in the Tumkur and Hassan Municipalities. In the remaining districts there was no fresh imposition of taxes. Fresh imposition of taxes.

293. Out of the total demand of Rs. 57,05,031 in all the Municipalities of the State, a sum of Rs. 38,50,082 was collected during the year, leaving a balance of Rs. 18,64,749 at the end of the year. The percentage of collection works up to 60·61 per cent.